



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 - 7:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall
567 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

MINUTES

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
(Acting Chair) Mark Howard	X	
Sol Weiner (Vice-Chair)	X	
Doris Maez	X	
Eric Wood	X	

Staff in Attendance:

Steve Davis, Public Works Department
Frans Lind, Public Works Department
Matt Campi, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 1

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Found the agenda satisfactory.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the November 2007 minutes was made by Eric Wood, second by Sol Weiner (M/Wood, S/Weiner: 4-0-0) Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Approval of TSPC Meeting Calendar for 2008

Doris Maez commented that she had a conflict with the January 2 meeting, so if it could be moved to January 9, it would work. Steve Davis commented that the Council will elect a new member by the

January meeting. Motion to approve as noted above was made by Doris Maez, second by Eric Wood (M/Maez, S/ Wood: 4-0-0) Approved.

The Committee may also want to consider taking one of the summer months off. Mark Howard asked Steve to add it to the agenda for the next meeting.

B. Consideration of Alternative Traffic Markings and Controls at the Intersection of DeSoto Way and Santa Lucia Avenue

Frans Lind stated there are three alternatives for this issue: leave it the way it is, install a stop sign in place of the yield and do some striping in the intersection to narrow it, or retain the yield control but narrow up the intersection with hatching. City staff feels the intersection at this location is too wide. Both streets have speed limits of 25 mph and are 32 feet from curb to curb. Police show no accidents in the past year at these locations, but public input state there have been near misses.

The hatching could also include some raised islands along with the yield signs if approved. On Santa Lucia there is a great grade at Cabrillo Way and half way down Santa Lucia. This intersection breaks as residents drive over this crest, so visibility is difficult for traffic coming from the left on DeSoto.

This location also comes through a school and there is a yellow crosswalk at the south side of DeSoto Way and Santa Lucia. Mark Howard asked about a warrant for a stop sign at this location. Frans stated City staff reviewed the MUTCD outline for a stop sign and justification for a stop sign at this location would not be warranted unless there was poor sight distance. Mark Howard asked about a three way stop at this location. Frans Lind responded that it was not warranted as long as there is an improvement of the realignment of the Santa Lucia leg of the intersection.

Frans Lind stated DeSoto Way carries about 2,200 vehicles per day and traffic is double on DeSoto versus Santa Lucia.

Mark Howard commented that a crosswalk at this location would be a good idea. Putting in a regular crosswalk at this location would set back the stop sign 10 or 11 feet and may affect the line of sight. Frans responded that students should not be crossing Santa Lucia. They should be on the west side of DeSoto.

Doris Maez asked what the restriction is for making a crosswalk straight across the street and also asked if there is a concern with having a rolled curb on one side of the street and a straight curb on the other in reference to ADA requirements.

Eric Wood stated if the City installs the crosswalk, we may be able to alleviate the striping. Frans responded that the purpose of the striping is to narrow the intersection, so he recommended retaining part of the hatching. Steve Davis stated that he would like to have the intersection be more than a 90 degree angle, and this issue came up as a request from the residents in the neighborhood.

Mark Howard commented that if we reevaluate this with the addition of a crosswalk and a small island that would come out parallel to the crosswalk for the stop sign to be on, we could eliminate the cross hatches and still save two parking spaces. He felt this would be better as a three-way stop and take out the three-way stop north on DeSoto Way. We could leave the crosswalks. But if people are not stopping at the stop signs, they're more of a hazard.

Frans responded he does not have warrant information on the existing three-way stop on DeSoto and Santa Lucia. Mark Howard asked if a warrant could be done for this. Frans responded that he has included the outline from the MUTCD regarding stop sign warrants, and this would include curving, cresting and speed.

Steve Davis clarified that the Committee would like staff to evaluate whether DeSoto traffic should be stopped at Santa Lucia in addition to the Santa Lucia leg stopping at DeSoto. Mark Howard clarified that he does not want two three way stops, but would prefer to move the three-way stop to the new

location. Steve Davis stated that if we are adding a new alternative to our recommendation, he'd like to perform the study and re-notice the neighborhood.

Eric Wood asked what it would take to get a light installed there. Steve Davis responded that it is very difficult to add streetlights. The City's system is very old and staff is in the process of reviewing all of the streetlights in the City.

Doris Maez asked about solar lights. Steve stated the City would be reevaluating system options in the future.

Mark Howard made a motion to return this issue for staff for further review of the three-way stop and the addition of a crosswalk. Doris Maez seconded the motion. (M/Howard, S/ Maez: 4-0-0) Approved.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Doris Maez stated the Bike and Pedestrian Committee has been working with C/CAG to delineate a north-south bike route along the El Camino corridor. They reviewed what would serve the community bicyclists as well as children. The goal is to encourage bicycle commuting. They are working with the City of Millbrae on this. The other issue is trying to show pedestrians a route from BART to the VA Clinic on Sneath. There is a lot of signage for motorists, but none yet for pedestrians.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sol Weiner recommended that the City have a sort of standing list of candidates ready to join the TSPC when there is a vacancy, as the Committee has been waiting for the mayor's approval of the new member for a few months. He would like to see the procedure changed so the person can be pre-approved and start right away if they want to. Doris concurred with this idea in order to speed up the process.

Doris Maez asked for an update on the 280 Intersection signal at Shelter Creek/San Bruno Avenue. Frans responded that City staff is currently working with TJKM on the final plans and Caltrans for a final agreement on the signal. Doris commented that the crosswalk itself is in poor condition and the striping is very faded. A coat of paint in the interim would help improve safety.

Doris Maez also stated at the foot of Fleetwood and Crestwood there is a three-way stop and the two-way stops going northbound on Crestwood are routinely ignored. Each night at six there is a big commuter back-up and traffic does not stop at these stop signs. We need to enforce this.

Sol Weiner asked about the limo parking issue with the airport. Commander Campi responded City staff will be meeting with airport personnel to possibly offer a free parking location by January 2008. San Francisco Airport Police have been coming into the neighborhoods to assist with enforcement.

8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Commander Campi responded to Doris' request for enforcement at Fleetwood and Crestwood and he will look into this.

Frans Lind stated the issue of parking and striping and Crystal Springs/City Park Way and Donner will be on the agenda at the January 2008 meeting. There will be a few alternatives: keep it the way it is, or install angled parking and bike lanes, or to keep the parallel parking that exists and add six foot wide bike lanes with two right turn pockets on each end and a right turn lane for Crystal Springs to turn onto City Park Way. Alternatives 2 and 3 would allow for handicap access.

9. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until it's next regular scheduled meeting on January 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

(M/Weiner, S/Maez): 4-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 9 pm.